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A message from Councilmember Scott Somers

As you may have heard, there was some major news announced regarding the Mesa Gateway Area.

Apple has announced that it has selected Mesa as the location for its newest U.S. manufacturing facility.

City of Mesa Statement

Mesa officials along with the Governor's Office, Arizona Commerce Authority, Greater Phoenix Economic Council and Maricopa County applauded Apple's decision to come to the Grand Canyon State. An official comment from the City stated, "We are thrilled that Apple will be coming to Arizona and that they have chosen Mesa for their newest manufacturing facility."

Apple's presence will create approximately 2,000 jobs in the area. They are also working with SRP to use 100 percent renewable energy, greening the grid and allowing for the utility to invest in entirely new, renewable energy projects.

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This announcement demonstrates what happens when you create a vision and stick to your plan. Apple truly exemplifies the innovative nature of companies choosing to locate in Mesa, and I am thrilled to welcome them to the Mesa Gateway Area. With companies like Apple, Bridgestone America, and Able Engineering we are well on our way to realizing our vision of creating 100,000 high-tech, high-wage jobs.

Successes like these are a team effort. I want to recognize our city staff, especially Economic Development, the City Manager's office, and others who worked so very hard to bring Apple to Mesa. I also need to highlight the efforts of the State of Arizona and the Greater Phoenix Economic Council. This demonstrates how important the State and regional organizations are in facilitating economic development opportunities that raise the quality of life for all Arizonans.

I especially want to thank you, our residents, who continue to support bonds that are used to install infrastructure critical to bringing jobs and economic opportunities to Mesa. Improved roads, public safety, and utility infrastructure are all essential to our economic development efforts.

Your willingness to invest in your city is what made this happen. The Mesa Gateway Area has great potential and I hope you will continue to support our efforts.